



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0777)

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Present: President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee

Absent: Secretary Sara Vasquez and Commissioner James Barger

1. Call to Order. (14-0587)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lupe Duron, Commission Services.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 15, 2014. (014-0588)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, and unanimously carried by the following vote, this item was approved:

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on application for Bookstore-General Business License ID# 139557, to issue a new license to Clarence Acie Rudd III, owner of Bank of Books, located at 29169 Heathercliff Road #109, Malibu, CA 90265 in the Third District. (14-0589)

President Afriat informed the Commission that the applicant called yesterday to report they would not be in attendance and agreed to have the item continued.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, this item was continued to the meeting of March 12, 2014:

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee

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4. Hearing on application for Annual Dance, Business License ID# 140774, to issue a new license to Corrie Rebecca Villa, owner of Corrie's Performing Arts Studio, located at 10255 Colima Road Suite F, Whittier, CA 90603 in the Fourth District. (14-0590)

James Gomez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Annual Dance business license. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Corrie R. Villa, owner of Corrie's Performing Arts Studio, provided a brief overview of the business. Ms. Villa indicated that the studio offers lessons in music and dance to patrons three years of age to adult. Hours of operation are generally Monday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; however, most classes are provided after school, Monday through Friday, between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Villa indicated that she did not have to go through the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process due to the square footage. The facility is 900 square feet not 1,500 square feet as noted in the floor plans; an accurate floor plan will be submitted.

Discussion ensued regarding the floor plans and who will prepare and submit them to the Commission.

Commissioner Lee questioned the availability of parking. Ms. Villa indicated that parking is not an issue; patrons are dropped off and picked up. Ms. Villa teaches the majority of the classes along with one other instructor and is always on site.

President Afriat expressed concern with the inaccuracy of all floor plans submitted and asked TTC to ensure accurate floor plans are submitted for review.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee

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- 5.** Hearing on application for Health Spa/Club/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 139628, to issue a new license to Valencia Corporate Fitness, Inc., William Banos, Vice President of Gold's Gym, located at 24445 Town Center Drive #195, Valencia, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (14-0591)

Note: This item was discussed after Agenda Item No. 6.

President Afriat clarified that he and his firm have represented Gold's Gym in the past and compensation was received. This occurred over five years ago; however, he chose to be conservative and refrain from discussion on this item.

James Gomez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for a Health Spa Club business license, and the hearing is being held for the City of Santa Clarita. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

William Banos, representative for Gold's Gym, provided a brief overview of the business. In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Banos indicated that the business is a full service health club with a

pool, spa, steam room, sauna and childcare. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with approximately 7,000 members.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Commissioner Shan Lee

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III. DISCUSSION

6. Stay Free Ministries- Solicitation Practices. (14-0592)

Note: This item was discussed after Agenda Item No. 4

Barbara Goul, County Counsel, presented this item. Ms. Goul indicated that the City of Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) reported they had received complaints regarding Stay Free Ministries' aggressive soliciting practices. Ms. Goul asked if they had received a permit from the City of Santa Monica to solicit.

Harold Douglas, representative for Stay Free Ministries, indicated that the City of Santa Monica accepted the Information Card issued by the County to solicit. Only three solicitors are allowed to solicit at one time and each is given a badge that they must display while soliciting. All donors are treated with respect; the organization complies with all rules and regulations.

Philip Osby, Solicitor for Stay Free Ministries, indicated that at some point there was an issue with renegade solicitors harassing the public; however, they were not involved. Unfortunately, this triggered the SMPD to begin questioning all solicitors. The SMPD did make arrests and the issue with renegade soliciting has seized.

Mr. Douglas added that the organization has since established a good relationship with SMPD. They have Mr. Douglas' telephone number and will call him at times to confirm the identity of their solicitors.

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IV. REPORT

7. Commissioners' Comments. (14-0593)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for February 2014. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:

February 19, 2014 and February 26, 2014.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Eric Barnes, TTC, notified the Commission that a denial letter was sent to Bliss Showgirls and an appeal hearing may be requested.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0594)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

9. Adjournment for the meeting of February 12, 2014. (14-0595)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.